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Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

Letter dated 18 January 2008 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly

1. At present 15 Member States are in arrears under the terms of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations, which states:

> A Member of the United Nations which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Organization shall have no vote in the General Assembly if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years. The General Assembly may, nevertheless, permit such a Member to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member.

2. The minimum payments necessary to reduce the amounts owed by those Member States on their contributions so that they remain below the gross amount assessed for the preceding two full years (2006 and 2007) are as follows:

Member State	*Minimum payment (United States dollars)*
Benin	19 800.00
Cape Verde	20 900.00
Central African Republic[a]	380 618.67
Comoros[a]	773 300.00
Dominica	6 810.00
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Guinea-Bissau[a]	532 900.00
Liberia[a]	986 200.00
Palau	11 200.00
Papua New Guinea	66 100.00
Paraguay	191 400.00
Sao Tome and Principe[a]	637 000.00

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Member State	*Minimum payment (United States dollars)*
Somalia[a]	1 065 300.00
Tajikistan[a]	642 290.00
Vanuatu	13 600.00

[a] **In its resolution 62/1 of 15 October 2007, the General Assembly decided that the Central African Republic, the Comoros, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Sao Tome and Principe, Somalia and Tajikistan should be permitted to vote in the General Assembly until the end of its sixty-second session.**

(*Signed*) **Ban** Ki-moon
Secretary-General